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Application Serial No. 08/943,483 filed October 03, 1997, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/923,683 filed September 04, 1997, now pending, and is further a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/889,319, filed July 8, 1997, now US Patent No. 6,085,169, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/707,660, filed September 4, 1996, now issued U.S. patent no. 5,794,207. --

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully enclose herewith six (6) cited references as requested in the Examiner's October 21, 2002 office communication. Applicants also enclose herewith a courtesy copy of the 1449 form as filed on August 29, 2002.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues which may advance the prosecution of the instant application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4044US2.

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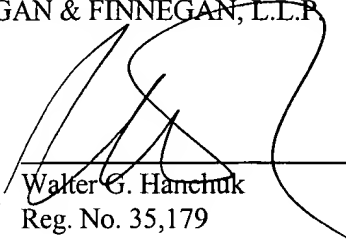
for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4044US2. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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Appendix

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please replace the priority information paragraph as follows: - -

-- Related Applications/Patents, Claim to Priority and Incorporation by Reference

The instant application claims priority to and incorporates by reference each of the following applications: The instant application is a CPA of 09/518,495 filed [March 3, 2002] March 3, 2000 which is a continuation of 09/238,546, filed January 28, 1999, now pending, which is a divisional of 08/889,304, filed July 8, 1997, now US Patent 5,897,620. The instant application also claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/400,656, filed September 21, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation of 09/205,787, filed December 4, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,041,308 which is a continuation -in -part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/943,483 filed October 03, 1997, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/923,683 filed September 04, 1997, now pending, and is further a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/889,319, filed July 8, 1997, now US Patent No. 6,085,169, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/707,660, filed September 4, 1996, now issued U.S. patent no. 5,794,207. --